

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY JULY 23, 2012, 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**D O C K E T**

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2012, Traffic and Parking Board meeting.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**  
  
**PUBLIC HEARING:**
4. **ISSUE:** Request to change the parking restrictions on the 3600, 3700 and 3800 blocks of Wheeler Avenue from:
  1. NO PARKING 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., Monday through Friday;
  2. NO PARKING 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; and,
  3. NO PARKING 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., everyday.

To: NO PARKING 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., everyday
5. **ISSUE:** Request to prohibit left turns from northbound North Quaker Lane onto 36<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. **ISSUE:** Request to reserve one parking space between the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on the south side of the unit block of King Street for DASH supervisor vehicles.

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**NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY JUNE 25, 2012, 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**M I N U T E S**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jay Johnson, Vice Chair Larry Ruggiero, Gregory Cota, Mary White, William Schuyler, Kevin Posey.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vishal Aswani.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Abi Lerner, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Ravi Raut, Studies Engineer, Carrie Sanders, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Chris Dowling, Transportation Coordinator.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2012, Traffic and Parking Board Meeting: Ms. White made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero. The Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were no staff reports or updates.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace three parking spaces on the north side of the unit block of Prince Street with a bikeshare station.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero to replace three parking spaces (51 feet) on the north side of the unit block of Prince Street with a bikeshare station. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Request to post residential district parking restrictions on the even block face of the 500 block of South Alfred Street.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Kimberly Bursten, the applicant, spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to recommend to the City Manager the posting of District 4, three-hour parking restrictions from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday on the

even block face of the 500 block of South Alfred Street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6. ISSUE:** Consideration of an appeal of the denial to install a driveway curb-cut at 110 East Howell Avenue.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Bryan Boatman, the applicant, spoke in favor of allowing the curb-cut.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to grant the appeal subject to the approval of the tree removal by the City Arborist and that the Arborist entertain compromises (mitigation) by the applicant. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Cota, Ms. White and Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Posey voting against the motion.

- 7. ISSUE** Request to remove parking from the north side of Oasis Drive between Bragg Street to the western end of Oasis Drive.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Penny Bartlett and Joseph Blaszkow spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to deny the request. The motion carried with Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Posey, Mr. Cota, Ms. White and Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Johnson, voting against the motion.

- 8. ISSUE** Request to post NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS restrictions at the driveway located at 206 East Del Ray Avenue.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** There was no public testimony.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey to deny the request. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. ISSUE** Request to post THREE-HOUR PARKING 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY parking restrictions on the east side of South Payne Street.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Alex Falcon and Neil Sitron spoke in favor of the request. Andy Hall and James Trimm spoke against the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve THREE-HOUR PARKING 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY parking restrictions on the east side of South Payne Street. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Posey, Ms. White and

Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Cota, voting against the motion.

- 10. ISSUE** Request to install a LOADING ZONE on the north side of the 1100 block of Oronoco Street between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Susan Fulton, the applicant, spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey to install a LOADING ZONE on the north side of the 1100 block of Oronoco Street between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The motion carried unanimously.

## TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 23, 2012

**DOCKET ITEM:** 4

**ISSUE:** Request to change the current parking restrictions on the 3600, 3700 and 3800 blocks of Wheeler Avenue from:

1. NO PARKING 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., Monday through Friday;
2. NO PARKING 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; and,
3. NO PARKING 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., everyday.

To: NO PARKING 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., everyday

**APPLICANT:** Mike Weagley and Jon Budington, Global Printing

**LOCATION:** 3600, 3700 and 3800 blocks of Wheeler Avenue

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends changing the parking restrictions on the 3600, 3700 and 3800 blocks of the **south side** of Wheeler Avenue from:

1. NO PARKING 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., Monday through Friday;
2. NO PARKING 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; and,

To: NO PARKING 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., everyday.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Parking on Wheeler Avenue is an ongoing challenge because commercial operators use the street to garage vehicles. Wheeler Avenue is one of the few streets in the City where commercial vehicles may park. Many of these operators are independent and arrive in the morning to retrieve their commercial vehicle and park their personal vehicle in the vacated space. This eliminates parking turnover so the abutting business cannot use the street parking. Over the years various parking restrictions were posted to prevent commercial operators from garaging their fleets near businesses. This current request is being made by Global Printing to standardize the restrictions in the 3600, 3700 and 3800 blocks as well as allow the local businesses to make greater use of the parking.

The current NO PARKING 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. restrictions in the 3700 block of Wheeler Avenue were approved by the Traffic and Parking Board on February 27, 2006. These

restrictions were placed to address an issue with trash trucks parking under the balconies of the abutting townhomes. The current parking restriction should be left in place to protect the townhomes from trucks parking in this area during the restricted hours.

The current NO PARKING 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. restrictions in the 3600 block of Wheeler Avenue were approved by the Traffic and Parking Board on June 28, 2010. These restrictions were requested by Global Printing to allow clients and employees greater access to street parking during the day. The previous restrictions were NO PARKING 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. This required clients and employees to move their vehicles before 4:00 P.M. and did not allow them to park before 9:00 A.M. in front of the building.



June 14, 2012

Bob Garbacz  
Division Chief  
T&ES/Transportation Division  
301 King St., Room 4100  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Garbacz:

*I originally e-mailed the Mayor, the Vice Mayor, and the Council, requesting a change in some parking regulations near Global Printing at 3670 Wheeler Ave. One of them forwarded my request to you. You suggested that I coordinate with the CEO at Global Printing, Jon Budington, and send you a letter on official letterhead; that is below.*

Jon and I write to you because, in the space of a few hundred feet outside the Global Printing building at 3670 Wheeler Ave., there are three different sets of regulations banning parking at three different arbitrary times. This deters employees and clients from parking near Global Printing during normal working hours. We believe these regulations should be changed to one uniform time: ban parking from 9 pm to 6 am. While banning parking at some set point in the day does deter people from parking their clunkers or tow trucks indefinitely, banning parking at three different times in such a small span of road simply does not make sense.

Here are the current regulations:

1. Even-numbered side of Wheeler Ave.: No parking from 8 pm-6 am, Monday-Friday
2. Even-numbered side of Wheeler Ave. near S. Early St.: No parking from 7-9 am and no parking from 4-6pm, Monday-Friday
3. Odd-numbered side of Wheeler Ave.: No parking from 6pm-7am, every day

Again, these 3 different regulations apply to a tiny section of Wheeler Ave., the sections in front of Global Printing (3670 Wheeler Ave.) and our two neighbors (3680 Wheeler Ave. and 3700 Wheeler Ave.)

The substantial portion of our employees who sometimes need to stay at work until late evening must make a mad dash to the street to move their cars a few feet at 4pm (near S. Early St.) or 6pm (odd-numbered side) or 8pm (even-numbered side) - for no apparent reason. This daily interruption tends to sap employee productivity and lower morale. The traffic also unnecessarily pollutes the air.

There are two competing concerns here: the desire of our employees to park near the workplace during work hours and the desire of our employees and the greater public not to have people parking their clunkers and tow trucks up and down Wheeler Avenue. Banning parking from 9 pm to 6 am easily accommodates both concerns.

We ask, therefore, that you change the regulations to ban parking only from 9 pm to 6 am at those three areas near 3670 Wheeler Ave.

Please feel free to call Mike if you have any questions or concerns. My cell phone number is 717-781-5537.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Weagley'.

Mike Weagley  
Counsel, Global Printing

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Budington'.

Jon Budington  
Chief Executive, Global Printing



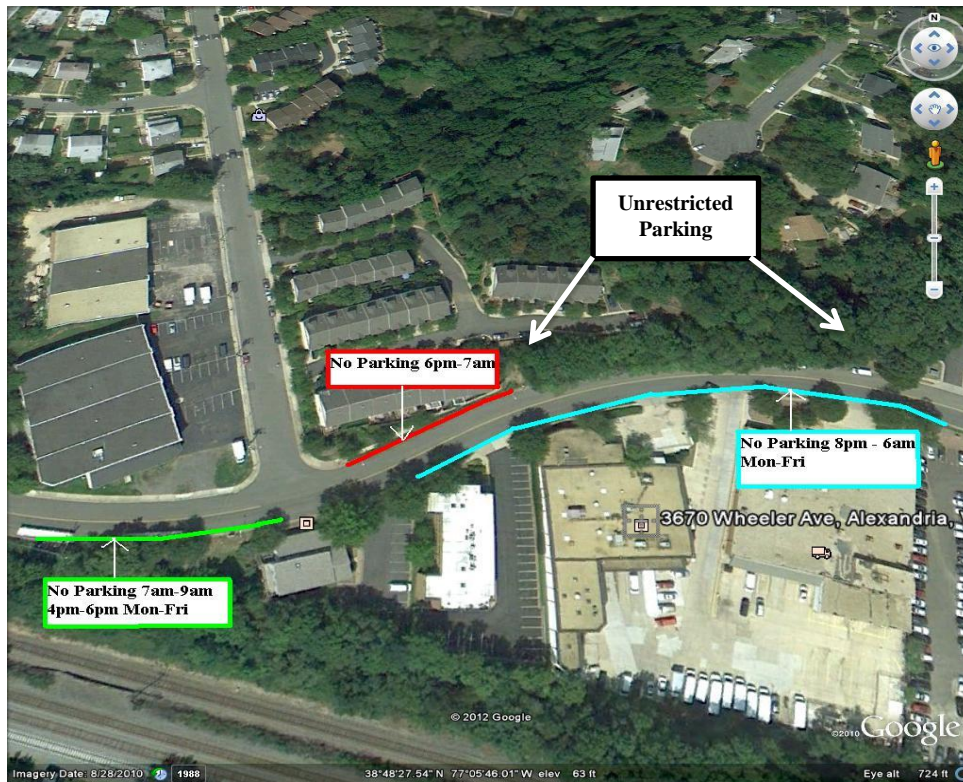


Figure 1: Locations of current parking restrictions on Wheeler Avenue.

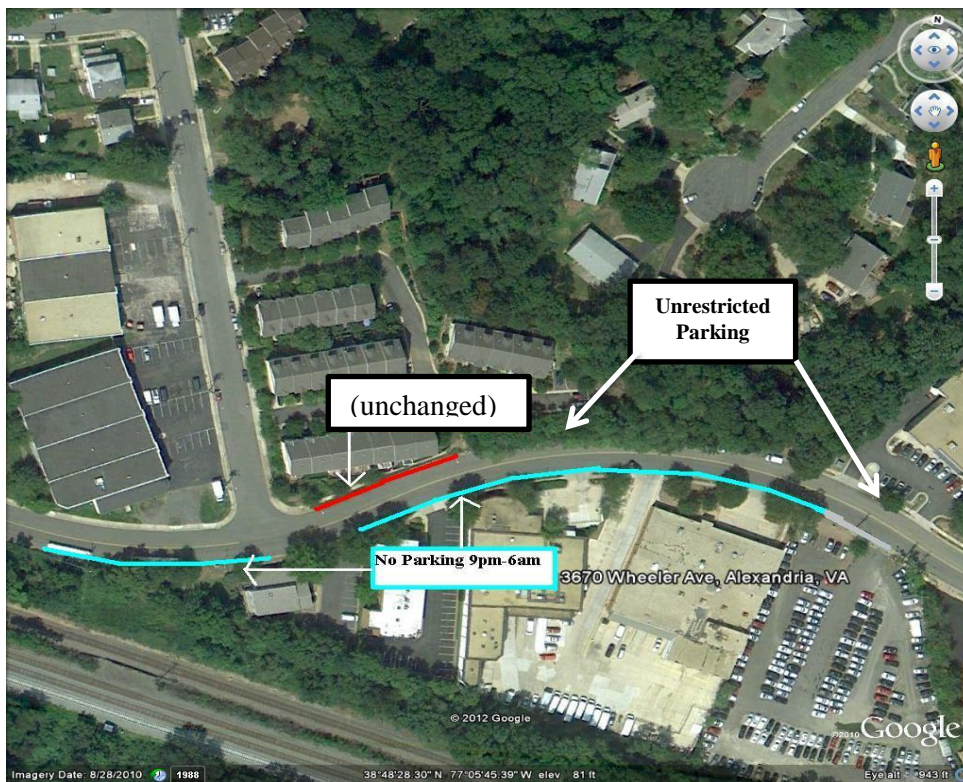


Figure 2: Location of proposed parking restrictions of Wheeler Avenue.

## **TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

**JULY 23, 2012**

**DOCKET ITEM:** 5

**ISSUE:** Request to prohibit left turns from northbound North Quaker Lane onto 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** 3500 block of North Quaker Lane

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

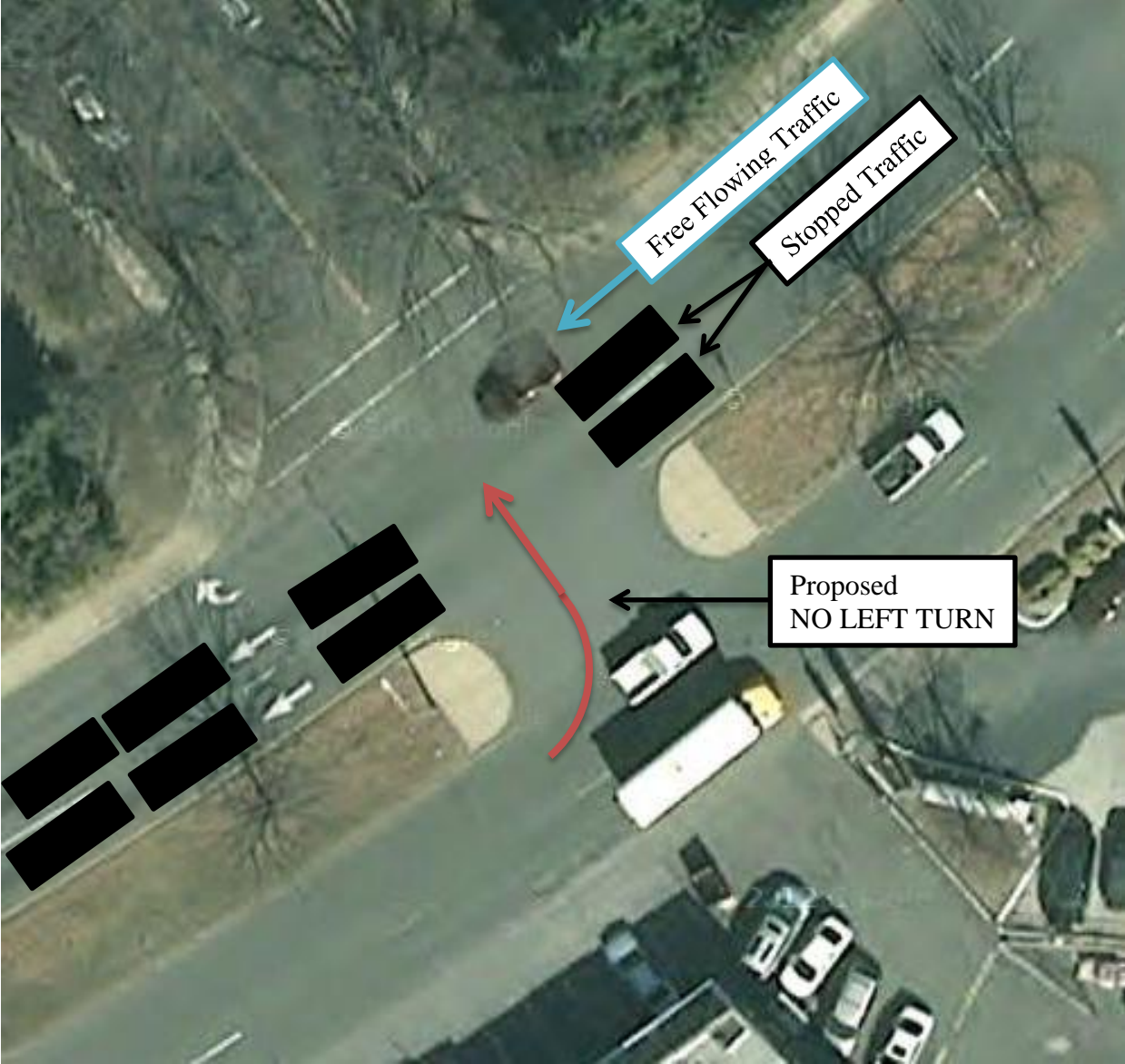
Staff recommends prohibiting left turns from northbound North Quaker Lane onto 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **DISCUSSION:**

This is a staff driven request to address a safety issue at the intersection of North Quaker Lane and 36<sup>th</sup> Street. The intersection of North Quaker Lane and 36<sup>th</sup> Street is located approximately 200 feet north of the King Street and Quaker Lane intersection. The queue of vehicles waiting on Quaker Lane at King Street usually extends through the 36<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. Motorists in the queue usually leave a space to provide ingress and egress to 36<sup>th</sup> Street. The problem is that the far right lane for southbound Quaker Lane is free flowing while the two through lanes are stopped. These stopped vehicles block left turning motorist's visibility of free flowing traffic in the right lane. Staff has reviewed the safety record of the intersection and found that in the past 10 years there have been 14 angle collisions resulting from this movement. The recommended left-turn prohibition will help address the safety issues at this intersection.









## TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 23, 2012

**DOCKET ITEM:** 6

**ISSUE:** Request to reserve one parking space between the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on the south side of the unit block of King Street for DASH supervisor vehicles.

**APPLICANT:** Alexandria Transit Company

**LOCATION:** South side of the unit block of King Street in front of Starbucks.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends reserving one parking space between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M. on the south side of the unit block of King Street for DASH supervisor vehicles.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Alexandria Transit Company, DASH, began operating the King Street Trolley on April 22, 2012. DASH has requested that one parking space be reserved for DASH Road Supervisor vehicles. A Road Supervisor is assigned to monitor Old Town DASH bus service and the King Street Trolley Monday through Friday during all hours of service. DASH schedules a dedicated Road Supervisor to monitor and assist only the King Street Trolley service.

The Road Supervisors monitor idling and unattended vehicles, on time departures and Trolley/Charter Bus interaction. They assist with loading and unloading passengers and overcrowding, ensuring the safest and most comfortable ride possible. The Supervisors also assist with questions from the general public and tourists as well as restocking the Visitor's Guides onboard the Trolleys. The provision of the reserved space in front of the first stop of the trolley helps ensure that the trolley service is provided at the highest quality.



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DATE: July 10, 2012  
TO: BOB GARBACZ  
FROM: BRAD PUTZIER, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, DASH  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESERVED PARKING SPACE

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Alexandria Transit Company DASH began operating the King Street Trolley on April 22, 2012. DASH is asking the Traffic and Parking Board to approve one reserved parking space for DASH Supervisor vehicles in front of Starbucks on King Street, at the corner of King Street and Union Street. The King Street Trolley currently operates seven (7) days a week between the hours of 11:00 am and 11:00 pm.

Having a reserved parking space will allow our Road Supervisors to better manage the Trolley operators and Trolley service. Road Supervisors monitor idling, unattended vehicles, on time departures and Trolley/Charter bus interaction. Road Supervisor also assists with loading and unloading passengers and overcrowding, making sure passengers have the safest most comfortable ride possible. Road Supervisors assist with answering questions from the general public and tourists as well as restocking the Alexandria Visitors Guides onboard the Trolleys.

A Road Supervisor is assigned to monitor Old Town DASH bus service and the King Street Trolley Monday through Friday during all hours of service. On Saturdays and Sundays DASH schedules a dedicated Road Supervisor to supervise, monitor and assist only the King Street Trolley service.



Proposed DASH  
Parking Space

King St & N Union St, Alexandria, VA

